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The following is a summary of information on Soviet and East German military activities observed prior to 13 March 1955: 25X1

1. General: The intensive movements of Soviet combat units to the field training grounds for firing practice continued. The 10th Guards Tank Division and army troops of the 4th Guards Mechanized Army were conducting a winter exercise in the Schorfheide area in the first half of March. A new supply of armored vehicles was delivered to all mechanized armies. KVP training was concentrated on firing practices, winter bivouacking and regimental exercises.
2. First Guards Mechanized Army: Thirty canvas covered armored vehicles of an unidentified type arrived from the USSR on 4 and 6 March. Twenty of these vehicles were delivered to the 11th Guards Tank Division in Klotzsche.
3. Second Guards Mechanized Army: Between 4 and 9 March, major elements of the 2nd Light Artillery Brigade and of the 90th RL Regiment were shipped to Altengrabow for firing practice. Six shipments, presumably carrying artillery units of the 9th Guards Tank Division, went from Fuersterberg to Doeberitz on 7 March.
4. Third Guards Mechanized Army: Elements of the AAA Regiment of the 7th Guards Tank Division were transferred to Wustrow on 1 to 2 March. Prior to 8 March, tank and artillery details of all divisions engaged in firing practice at Jueterbog and in winter training near the posts. The 7th Guards Tank Division received 60 armored vehicles from the USSR on 7 and 9 March.
5. Fourth Guards Mechanized Army: During the first week of March, 19 trains with a total of 680 flatcars were sent to the Templin-Schorfheide area where, after 7 March, a winter exercise was being held by elements of the 10th Guards Tank Division and army troops. Army troops, including the 51st Motorcycle Regiment, engaged in an exercise southwest of Freienwalde on 1 March. Up to 5 March, tank details of divisions other than the 10th Guards Tank Division held firing practices in Templin and Jueterbog. With the arrival of a new shipment on 23 February, the

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3rd Engineer Regiment is believed to have received a total of 50 amphibious vehicles with caterpillar drive.

6. Third Shock Army: Elements of the 304th Artillery Brigade of the 79th Rifle Corps were transferred in five shipments from Burg to the North Sector of Letzling Heath between 2 and 4 February.
7. Eighth Guards Army: Tank units of the 20th Guards Mechanized Division were in winter bivouac in Forst Zeitz between 22 February and 4 March. Elements of the 112th Guards Rifle Regiment of the 39th Guards Rifle Division with 40 trucks were entrained in Plauen on 3 March. The Kindel troop training grounds were vacant until late February.
8. Fourth Artillery Corps: An artillery shipment, probably carrying elements of the 4th AT Artillery Brigade returning from firing practice, was observed enroute from Stralsund toward Prosa on 28 February. A shipment of the 25th RL Brigade went from Rathenow to Doberitz on 8 March. The 124th Heavy Howitzer Brigade, which received a new shipment of vehicles, is now believed to have 40 new prime movers on T-54 chassis.
9. KVP: Corps North conducted a command-post exercise at Pasewalk between 28 February and 4 March. The 3rd Rifle Regiment of the Prenzlau Rifle Division held an exercise on 8 and 9 March. The AAA Regiment from Potsdam practiced firing at towed air sleeve targets at Altengrabow after 4 March. Corps North will allegedly release soldiers with three years of service between 5 and 20 May and between 5 and 20 November.

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